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NCDOT Works Through Winter Weather

Statewide, NCDOT employees worked night and day during a storm that brought snow, sleet, freezing rain and ice across North Carolina Jan. 22 through Jan. 24. As of Feb. 1, over 2,275 employees across North Carolina spread over 2.2 million gallons of brine, with



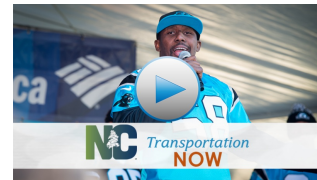
NCDOT crews and equipment made their way from Pasquotank County to Asheville during the storm.

1,604 NCDOT trucks/ graders and 665 contractor trucks. Additionally, they used over 75,000 tons of salt and over 27,000 tons of sand/salt mix.

Crews worked 12-hour alternating shifts throughout the storm and over the weekend, plowing roads, sawing and clearing fallen trees from roads and salting bridges and overpasses throughout the state.

Places in eastern counties that saw lesser impacts from the storm even sent crews to help harder hit areas, sharing resources and helping clear roadways in the western part of the state. Maintenance crews from Washington and Pasquotank counties arrived in the Asheville area Saturday night to assist with response efforts there. Twelve trucks from Sampson

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County arrived in Raleigh Sunday, and NCDOT transferred additional equipment from the coastal area to Durham County. The NCDOT State Farm Safety Patrol had helped more than 200 disabled motorists and assisted in 215 wrecks statewide as of Sunday morning.

For more information about how NCDOT works before, during and after the storm, [click here](#).

Detours in Place Near Chatham County Sinkhole

On Monday, Jan. 18, the N.C. Department of Transportation closed Lystra Road near Jordan Lake and set up detours for traffic due to a sinkhole that opened on the route.

There are two 72-inch culverts crossing under the road at the causeway. Crews investigated the damages to those culverts and assessed how to proceed. They determined that the route would remain closed until at least April 29 due to the extensive nature of the project. Lystra Road is accessible to local traffic.

Through-traffic motorists will follow a signed detour between Farrington Point and Jack Bennett Road. If traveling east on Lystra Road, this detour will use Jack Bennett Road southwest to Big Woods Road, then south on Big Woods Road to U.S. 64, then east to Farrington Point Road and then north to Lystra Road. From Farrington Point Road, the detour route would be reversed.

Drivers are asked to use caution in the area and expect an increase in travel times.

Chatham, Randolph, Lee, Moore, Hoke, Scotland, Richmond and Montgomery Counties Crews Respond to Winter Weather



This NCDOT crew in Pittsboro worked throughout last month's

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Pedestrian Safety Updates Coming to Montgomery County Road

Last month, NCDOT awarded a contract to update pedestrian areas along 0.36 miles of N.C. 73 (Main Street) in Mount Gilead. The project will add sidewalks and tie into existing sidewalks from Parker Town Road to the Aberdeen Carolina and Western Railway crossing.

The work will include adding drainage, curbs, gutters and sidewalk.

There will be no detours associated with the work, but drivers are asked to use caution in the area, watch signs for construction information, stay alert and obey the posted speed limits.

Crews can begin as early as Feb. 1, and work is expected to wrap up by the end of April, weather permitting.

Trull Contracting of Midland is the contractor for the \$163,000 project, which was awarded to the lowest bidder as required by state law.

storm to clear roads.

N.C. Department of Transportation crews experienced icy and snowy conditions when they dealt with winter weather in Chatham, Randolph, Lee, Moore, Hoke, Scotland, Richmond and Montgomery counties during the Jan. 22 through Jan. 24 storm. The event brought everything from snow, sleet and freezing rain to gusty winds and low temperatures.

"We started preparing equipment and doing dry runs for winter weather back in November," said Division Eight Maintenance Engineer Chuck Dumas. "But even when we're out preparing, you never know what a storm is going to bring. "

Days before the storm, local maintenance crews completed anti-icing operations, spreading brine along interstate and primary routes like U.S. 64 and U.S. 1. Throughout the counties, salt levels were at capacity before the storm, chainsaws were gassed up in case of downed trees and crews were on standby prepared for overnight work.

By Saturday morning, all routes throughout the counties were covered with layers of snow and sleet from overnight Friday. Late Sunday evening and into Monday morning, black ice was also reported in some of the counties. Moore, Hoke, Scotland and Richmond counties reported downed trees with debris in the road and power outages followed. Crews worked 12-hour shifts removing trees, spreading salt and scraping snow in hard hit areas.

"Having such great crews in Division Eight made the difference," said Division Eight board member Pat Molamphy. "Thanks to all of our hard-working men and women for everything they did during the storm and everyday."

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